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## Massi off to North Korea

RO, May 17 (R). — Egypt's War Minister Gen. Abdel-Ghani Massi leaves today on visits to North Korea, China and Pakistan at the head of a military delegation, the official Middle East News Agency announced.

This is the first time such a high-level Egyptian military delegation has sought military cooperation with both the North Koreans and the Pakistanis. The Soviet Union has refused to supply Egypt weapons or supply spare-parts for its planes.

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## Mortar barrages take heavy toll in Beirut

BEIRUT, May 17 (R). — A mortar attack on a Palestinian refugee camp today left 10 children dead and raised fears of a repetition of the artillery duels which killed at least 150 people and wounded 400 yesterday.

According to leftwing and Palestinian sources, the children were killed when a mortar shell smashed into the kindergarten of the Tal Al-Za'tar camp on the south-eastern fringes of the Lebanese capital. About 30 children were injured.

The densely-populated "shanty-town" camp has been involved regularly in mortar exchanges with surrounding suburbs held by rightwing forces. Last January, a rightwing blockade of the camp set off major violence in the Lebanese civil war, now in its 14th month.

The victims of yesterday's artillery duels included 34 killed and 110 wounded when a shell smashed into a crowded cinema in leftist controlled western Beirut.

A leftwing newspaper today accused the right of having turned Beirut into "a lake of blood" yesterday. But the right charged that many people had been killed by indiscriminate leftwing shelling of hospitals in eastern Beirut.

Informal sources in Beirut said the Premier of Libya, Major Abdel-Salam Jalloud, arrived here today from Damascus.

He discussed the civil war crisis with Mr. Kamal Junblatt, leader of the leftwing coalition whose militiamen have the upper hand in military operations.

The meeting was also attended by Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Beirut sources said Major Jalloud also discussed the crisis here with Sheikh Hassan Khalid, spiritual leader of Lebanon's Sunni community, which is the smaller of the two main Moslem groups in this country.

Libya has strongly backed the Lebanese left throughout the civil war. Beirut Radio reported today that President-Elect Elias Sarkis and President Suleiman Franjeh had met to discuss the crisis.

Mr. Sarkis was chosen by parliament nine days ago to succeed Mr. Franjeh, a rightwinger. But the president-elect cannot take office before Mr. Franjeh formally resigns.

Elsewhere, unconfirmed reports said that right and leftwing forces today bathed in the mountains east of Beirut, where the left last week stopped a major rightwing offensive.

No major engagements were reported in the capital itself but the fears of the war-weary population were underlined by lack of traffic through the "green line" crossing point between the two halves of Beirut.

President Franjeh has now added another complicating factor to the conflict by strongly denying newspaper reports that he had given a pledge of early resignation to the Syrian government.

## Riyadh meeting to serve goals of Arab strategy

BEIRUT, May 17 (AFP). — Egyptian and Syrian leaders will meet in Riyadh on Wednesday for the first time since relations between the two countries for their mutual interest.

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Speaking to reporters, Brigadier Salem said he hoped the Soviet military delegation's visit would be the beginning of strong relations between the two countries for their mutual interest.

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## Concorde landing ushers staging U.S. visit

STON, May 17 (AFP). — President Valery Giscard d'Estaing held talks lasting 90 minutes with President Gerald Ford at the White House today.

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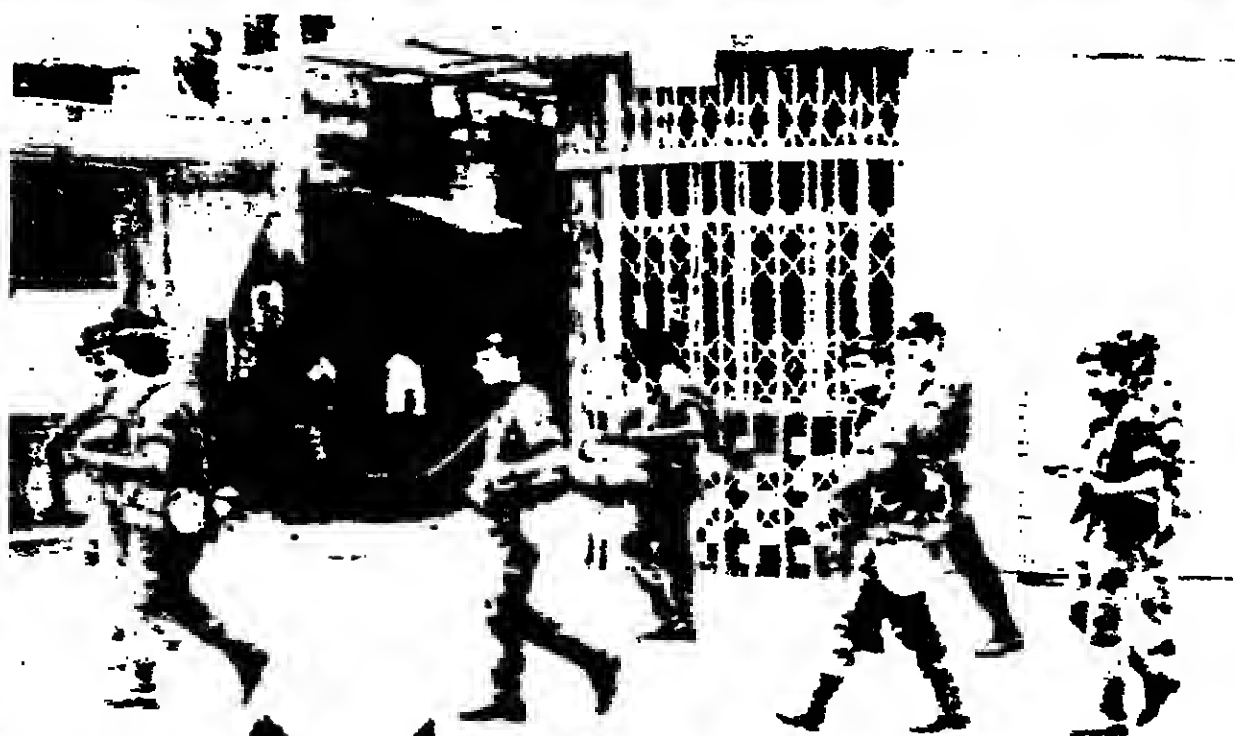
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IMPOSING CURFEW — Armed Israeli border guards patrol a shuttered street near the Casbah district of Nablus in the occupied West Bank following mass demonstrations in the city Sunday in which a 17 year old Arab girl was shot. (AP wirephoto).

## Teenager dies from Israeli gunfire

NABLUS, West Bank, May 17 — (Agencies). — Israeli troops shot dead an 18-year-old Arab near Jerusalem today as protests again swept the West Bank.

The victim, the ninth Arab to die in the recent wave of anti-Israeli rioting, was Abdala Mustafa Hawas, a student.

He apparently was killed by a stray bullet when he left a school building to watch a fight between Israeli soldiers and demonstrators.

School officials said the dead youth was not involved in the demonstration, but had run to the school gates to watch when he was struck by a bullet in the head.

Ramallah's Mayor Karim Khalaf called a 24-hour total strike here tomorrow in protest at the conduct of Israeli soldiers.

His call followed the death of soldiers had been encircled by obviously hostile and angry Arab citizens.

An Arab schoolgirl was shot dead by a soldier in the northern town of Nablus yesterday and the killing touched off today's massive demonstrations.

Thousands of residents of Nablus milled around the streets shouting Palestinian slogans and "murderers" at Israeli soldiers. Clashes broke out in many areas as the reinforced troops fought back the demonstrators with baton charges and water cannon.

Army officials said soldiers were ordered to shoot only in the last resort after yesterday's killing of the schoolgirl, Lina Nabulsi, which heightened Arab anger and severely embarrassed the Israeli occupation authorities.

Mourners thronged outside the Nabulsi house as the body was being readied for burial. Thousands of persons carrying wreaths followed the coffin through the narrow streets of Nablus to its final resting place in the local cemetery.

The coffin was draped in the green, black, red and white Palestine Liberation Organisation flag. Some of the mourners, too, openly waved PLO flags, while black hooded youths, carried on the shoulders of their friends, called for vengeance.

Today, all shops and schools in Nablus were shut. Strong demonstrations were also reported in Jenin, farther north. The army imposed a curfew on Jenin and many sectors of Nablus, including the nearby Balata camp, which houses 20,000 Palestinian refugees.

The West Bank was reported [Continued from page 1]

## PLO view of Israeli Jews as Palestinians attacked

BRUSSELS, May 17, (R) — A statement here at the weekend that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) would recognise Israel was attacked today at a press conference organised by Belgian politicians sympathetic to Israel.

Mr. Nabil Shaath, Head of the PLO Planning Centre in Beirut, told a conference on Palestine here on Saturday that the Palestine all Israeli Jews as Palestinians National Council (PNC) would make the change in its covenant at its next meeting.

Only Jews already in Palestine before the state of Israel was created have been recognised as Palestinians by the PLO "national covenant" (constitution).

Mr. Shaath's statement was attacked today by Dr. Emmanuel Shivan, a history professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, who gave his own views on Palestine at a press conference.

Mr. Shaath represents the extreme view in the PLO and this looks like the scenario for another war, he said aggressively.



DUEL AFTERMATH — Picture shows the aftermath of duels between Lebanese warring factions in Beirut, Sunday. Cloema Salwa (centre) was hit and 5 people lost their lives. (AP wirephoto).

## Ford expected to win Michigan by small margin

DETROIT, May 17 (R). — President Ford will be fighting for his political life in his home State of Michigan tomorrow in a primary election battle with Ronald Reagan.

Most local experts expect Mr. Ford to win, but only by a small margin.

Such a result would be considered a moral victory by Mr. Reagan, following his five victories in the past six Republican primaries.

Mr. Ford's aides want big wins in Michigan and Maryland tomorrow to put momentum back into his faltering drive to keep the presidency. Defeat in Michigan would be devastating.

The leading contender for the Democratic nomination, former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter, is a clear favourite to win his primary.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 1

The Jordan Times will publish a special issue timed to the 5-day Jordan Development Conference. In cooperation with the Arab Advertising Agency, Jordan Times will publish a series of reports, analyses, interviews and commentaries on the aims and objectives of the Jordanian five-year development plan.

The issue will be distributed free of charge to all conference participants, observers and officials, and special space has been allocated to allow Jordanian companies to give readers an idea of their products and services.

Interested local companies wishing to advertise in the special issue should have their advertisements (in Arabic) ready by May 25.

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## War in Palestine

The continuing cyclical waves of Arab demonstrations and Israeli killings throughout the West Bank should not be viewed — as generally portrayed by the international press — simply as outbursts of "rioting" and shows of discontent by Arabs living under a military occupation. The process that is taking place in the occupied Arab territories is at once a profound historic genesis and a historical culmination. It is the birth pains of a Palestinian political entity that has been, and is still being, suppressed, but one that has never been, and will never be, totally extinguished or fully denied.

Simultaneously, the events of the past several months are part of the continuing inevitable battle between the dual Palestinian and Jewish national movements that both claim the same piece of land. What is taking place today is the heart of what is popularly known as the Middle East conflict. It is the conflict of two people for one piece of land.

The deaths during the past two days of Lina Nabulsi and Abdullah Mustafa — both shot dead by Israeli troops — must not be mistaken for casualties of some civic disturbances that have all of a sudden materialised on the West Bank in a total historical and political vacuum. To talk of Arabs "rioting" in their home towns throughout the occupied territories is to misunderstand the nature of the Palestinian-Zionist confrontation in the heart of Palestine, as well as to manipulate words in the English language whose elasticity too often ends up the victim of international Zionist propaganda and misinformation techniques.

The events of the past four months are an on-going expression of a series of Palestinian resistance, confrontation and defiance efforts that date back to 1916, initially, and the 1930's especially. To confront the damnable and inhuman forces of an occupying military authority is not to "riot" but to resist. Palestinian Arabs who dare stand up to the thousands of Israeli soldiers in their homes, and who do so with nothing more than stones and sticks and old burning tires, are not part of a mindless group of rioters, but are rather one of several vanguards of a mass revolutionary movement whose aim is to confront the Israeli enemy anywhere that is possible, and with any means that are available. To view the West Bank demonstrations and strikes as isolated incidents of springtime frenzy is to totally miss the full meaning of the Palestinian national movement. This, precisely, is what the Zionist forces of misinformation would like the world to do, and this is in large part the process the international news media have been duped, programmed and psychologically orchestrated to help perpetuate.

The aim of the Palestinian national movement is to meet and defeat the structure of the Israeli settler-state. This means dismantling and rearranging the building blocks of the contemporary state of Israel, building blocks that by their very nature and their very existence guarantee and perpetuate the denial of Palestinian rights, and, consequently, the continuation of the Palestinian struggle to see those national rights restored and fully exercised. Again, the Zionist propaganda machinery would have the world believe this represents an Arab will to kill every Jewish person in the world, an outrageous fantasy only capable of being spread by a system of fantastic deception and infamy such as the system of international Zionist lies, misinformation and myths. The aims of the Palestinian movement are to redraw the map and redesign the structures of statehood in Palestine in a manner that guarantees the natural rights of all the people who seek to live in Palestine, and not only of the dominant military-colonial settlers who came into Palestine during the past three-quarters of a century.

It is necessary to appreciate the fact that Palestinian nationalism will confront the designs of Zionism wherever natural battlefields are to be found. It is within this context that one sees a Palestinian refugee camp nursery school being bombarded in Lebanon, and Israeli troops shooting down teenage Arabs on the West Bank. For the Israelis to point out the "rioting" of Arabs on the West Bank and then point to what is happening in Lebanon as the results of the Palestinian presence there is to underline the powerful degree of self-deception that one entity can bring to bear upon its own foul deeds.

It is an error — it is more than that, it is a show of sheer fatuity — to view the West Bank events as disparate incidents of civil unrest that can be overcome by successive displays of brute force. This is what the Israelis see and do. And their response only demonstrates over and over the inevitable process of decolonisation and colonial disintegration that must follow an extended period of alien rule enforced by the gun. This is the historical culmination we see taking place in Palestine — the fraying at the edges of the Zionist empire, a process that, once begun, will be hard to contain. It will eventually — perhaps in five years, perhaps in fifty years — result in the demise of the artificial entity we know today as Israel, and it will subsequently generate a more logical, realistic, natural and indigenous political body, or series of bodies, whose durability and legitimacy will be based on the twin pillars of justice and the exercise of human rights. When this happens, a state of peace shall reign in Palestine. While this does not happen, there shall be war, as there is war today.

## Prince Hassan returns after 5-day visit

AMMAN. — Their Highnesses Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Tharwat returned here Sunday evening at the end of a five-day official visit to Iran at the invitation of Iran's Crown Prince Rida Pahlavi.

Discussions between the two parties covered bilateral relations and economic cooperation, in particular Iran's willingness to participate in some of Jordan's development projects, such as the Amman water project, the Housing Bank, and the Chemical fertilisers industry.

## Prince Mohammad visits Forces H.Q.

AMMAN. — H.R.H. Prince Mohammad, Monday, paid a visit to the Armed Forces General Headquarters, where he was received by the Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lieutenant General Sharif Zeid Ibn Shaker.

Prince Mohammad convened there with the commander-in-chief in the presence of the armed forces chief-of-staff.

## ECWA director here for talks

AMMAN. — The Executive Secretary General of the U.N. Economic Commission for West Asia (ECWA), Dr. Mohammad Said Attar, arrived here Monday on a two-day visit.

Dr. Attar will discuss with Jordanian officials preparations for the Jordan Development Conference ("Partners in Progress") to start here on May 31.

He will also assess Jordan's needs for the implementation of its development projects in order to fix ECWA's possible participation in their implementation.

## Increased air traffic with W. Germany

AMMAN. — A civil aviation delegation left here Monday morning for West Germany to hold talks with officials there on the amendment of the bilateral air agreement between the two countries.

It is expected that the amendment will provide for the increase of regular flights between West Germany and Jordan.



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## Regional plant protection body starts meetings here

AMMAN. — The Minister of Agriculture, Marwan Hmud, Monday opened at the Professional Syndicates Complex the sixth session of the Near East Plant Protection Commission. The six-day meeting will discuss developments in plant protection which are taking place in the countries of the region, and will study means to promote greater cooperation on a regional scale.

It will also discuss efforts to be undertaken to combat serious pests and diseases affecting plants and plant products, and to prevent their spreading across national boundaries.

Mr. Hmud welcomed the delegations attending the meetings and explained the aims of the Jordanian five-year development plan in the field of agriculture. He said the plan intends to increase revenue from agriculture by seven per cent annually during the years of the plan, by implementing several projects in the field.

Fixed investments for agriculture during the plan have been estimated at JD40 million, he added.

He stressed the importance of strengthening plant protection methods, exchanging experience between countries in this field, and initiating field projects to develop new methods in crop-loss appraisal programmes.

The sixth session of the commission is attended by Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen, Iran, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, and the U.N. representative.

## Two art exhibitions open

AMMAN. — The Minister of Culture and Information, Salah Abu Zaid, Saturday evening opened the "May 15" art exhibition at the Jordanian Writers Society hall.

The exhibition, prepared and sponsored by the Jordanian Writers Society, comprises work of art relating to May 15 — marking the 28th anniversary of the declaration of the state of Israel.

The exhibition includes 74 works, mostly oil paintings, in addition to engravings, sculptures and woodwork. Twenty-three of the most renowned Jordanian artists have joined to make the exhibition a big success.

The idea behind the exhibition is to link the written word with the fine arts in the battle against the occupying Israeli forces.

Meanwhile, Princess Alla Sunday opened the Art Exhibition of elementary school Children sponsored by the Ministry of Education in cooperation with the Directorate of Art and Culture.

For the last few years, the Ministry of Education has adopted the policy of giving opportunities to schoolchildren to join international art exhibitions that aim at promoting international goodwill as well as helping foster children's aesthetic sense and sentiment.

The work of a Jordanian child of 12 appeared in the 1975 calendar issued by the American Committee for UNICEF.

In 1974, the International Gallery for Children's Art in Philadelphia, U.S.A., bought six paintings done by Jordanian schoolchildren.

Due to the very encouraging results on the international level, the Ministry of Education in cooperation with the Department of Culture and Arts, has decided to give recognition to talented Jordanian children on a national level. The works of about 220 children (2-15 years old) from all over the country are now on

## Trade agreement signed with Greece

ATHENS, (JNA). — The President received today Hassan Ibrahim the Minister for Foreign Affairs who a three day official visit to the president expressed approval of His Majesty the King at Arab leader.

Mr. Ibrahim discussed Greek State Minister for I cooperation between Jordan Greece in the economic and cultural agreement.

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## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Jordanian newspapers Monday, commented on the continuous tense situation in the occupied Arab territories, the visit of the Soviet Deputy Minister of Defence to Jordan and the latest Islamic countries' foreign ministers conference.

Al Dustour says protests and denunciations of the barbaric Israeli crimes in the occupied West Bank are not enough, especially when it comes to the murder of small boys and girls. It adds that the appeal of the Mayor of Nablus to the United Nations Secretary General Dr. Waldheim on the death of the girl student Lina Hassan Nabulsi by the foul occupation bullets should be supported by all the Arabs and by all justice and peace-loving forces everywhere, so that the world's conscience may be awakened, and for the United Nations to despatch a rational commission to investigate the ugly Israeli crimes and ever-mounting violations against Arab human rights and properties.

"It is an S.O.S. message and a touchstone to the world organisation which should either assert itself or remain idle, looking at the Zionist felonies without making any move in carrying out the terms of its charter that presupposes the ensurance of the lives and rights of the people against the fierceness of occupation." On the visit to Jordan Monday

of the Soviet Deputy Minister of Defence and Commander in Chief, Marshal Pavel Khov, Al Rai observes the first time since the visit of King Hussein to the Soviet Union the Jordanian-Soviet relationship comes out of the 'cautious' circuit to assume its merited dimensions.

Al Rai goes on: "Some observers might wish to link Marshal Kutakhov's visit to Jordan with the 'stupidity' of the American attitude in regard to Jordan's arms purchase deal with Washington. But this link-up is not exact, despite the fact that it might have brought nearer the date of the visit of the Soviet leader."

Al Rai says there is in fact an American foolishness... and there is also a Jordanian-Soviet rapprochement... but the Soviet Marshal's visit is not a direct answer to it... This equation, it says, cannot be described as balancing the relationship between the two giant world powers. It only means, from a Jordanian point of view, the completion of its defence needs in the face of Israel's excessive armament beyond its calculated defence requirements, so that Jordan would not become a political weakpoint in the Arab-Israeli confrontation lineup. It also means, from a Soviet point of view, continued support of Arab rights without any strings attached...

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## Ford hopes to ride the whistle-stop in right back into the White House

AMMAN, May 16 (AFP) — The presidential train in Michigan today as President Ford rolled across the state for seven hours, to speak in station after station.

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Maryland's Democratic Party organization, Mr. Brown is hoping to at least slow his rival.

But Mr. Carter did not appear perturbed on television in Maryland today.

He described his 30-year-old bachelor rival, who makes much of his austere lifestyle, as "somewhat of a mystery", and sought to play down the seriousness of the challenge.

Mr. Brown said on television that Maryland, with 53 Democratic delegates at stake, "can change the chemistry" of this year's election process.

### Reagan increases delegate count

NEW YORK, May 17, (AP) — The rightwing cootender for the Republican Party nomination for the U.S. presidency, Ronald Reagan, increased his lead over President Ford yesterday, securing the support of 43 delegates in four States. The president only got eight.

With the crucial Michigan primary on Tuesday, Mr. Reagan has 475 delegates to Mr. Ford's 331, and is almost half-way to the 1,130 required for nomination at the party's August convention in Kansas City.



NEW MISS USA — Barbara Elaine Peterson, Miss Minnesota from Edina, Minnesota is seen after being named Miss USA of 1976 Saturday night in Niagara Falls, New York. (AP wirephoto).

## Miki to face ouster bid from within his own party

TOKYO, May 17 (AFP) — Japanese Premier Takeo Miki is expected to quit by the end of next month, ousted by a new and formidable coalition of hostile factions within the ruling Liberal-Democratic Party.

When he replaced Kakui Tanaka in December, 1974, Mr. Miki was expected to last three months. His skill in manoeuvring has enabled him to survive for a year and a half.

But while some observers believe this modest yet able man will again triumph over his adversaries, the central opinion in political circles here is that he will have great difficulty in holding out, and that he will have to go by the end of June.

### Israel would react to U.N. dismissal

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, May 16, (R) — Foreign Minister Yigal Allon Sunday said Israel will suspend all United Nations agencies operating here if the world body votes to suspend Israel from the cabinet said.

The sources quoted Mr. Allon as saying at the regular weekly government meeting that renewed attempts were being made by "some Arab countries and their friends to suspend Israel from the U.N."

Mr. Miki is not expected to remain inactive and may even manage to hang on.

If, however, the leadership becomes open, Mr. Fukuda is tipped to take over until the elections.

Public opinion polls show that the Liberal-Democrats can expect to maintain office, although with a slimmer majority.

## Burmese insurgents once more take up arms

NEW DELHI, India (CSM) — A year ago, the government of Burma claimed to have wiped out the Communist insurgency movement that had troubled the country for 25 years.

Now that claim seems to have been premature.

Not only have the Communists proved themselves still capable of mounting armed resistance against the government of President Ne Win, but they also appear to have picked up formidable support from new regimes in neighbouring Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

Observers note that large numbers of American-made arms were abandoned, surrendered, or otherwise found their way into Communist hands in South Vietnam. These arms easily could have been sent north for trans-shipment to Burma.

Laos itself, as well as Cambodia, are thought in some quarters to have a surplus of arms that could be funnelled into Burma.

It was the president's second state visit to China in four years, and he reminded his hosts that Burma has not allowed any other country to use Burmese soil as a military base for hostile activities against its neighbours.

Yet there has been no sign that Chinese Communist Party support to the Burmese insurgents has abated. The Burmese Communist radio continues to operate from China's Yunnan Province just across the border.

There is also the U.N. Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO), which was formed after the 1948 war and carries out general observation duties along Israel's lines with Egypt, Syria and Lebanon.

The U.N. Relief and Welfare Agency (UNRWA) operates in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip, but Israeli observers did not believe it would be hit by any suspension.

### Austria considers barter deal for Israeli Kfir jet

VIENNA, May 16, (R) — Israel is trying to sell its Kfir fighter jet to Austria in exchange for steel and other goods, Defence Minister Karl Luetgendorf said in a newspaper interview today.

The minister told the Kronen Zeitung newspaper he would possibly go to Israel in early July with an all-party delegation of experts to examine the plane, a development of the French Mirage.

The all-party National Defence Council in Vienna is expected to decide this autumn to spend an estimated 2,000 million schillings (60 million sterling) on a new fighter to replace the Austrian air force's slow and ageing Saab 105.

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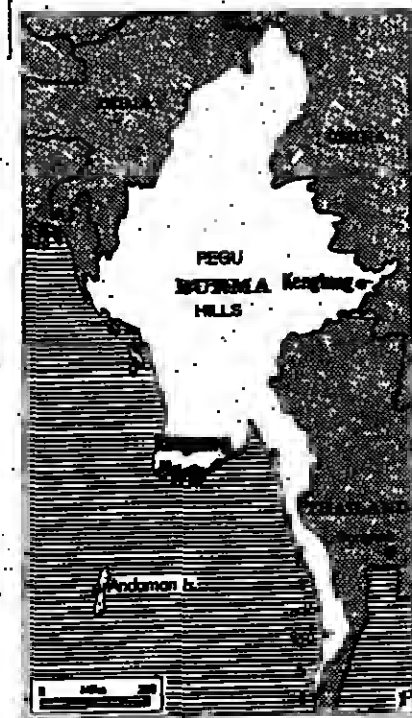
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The top two Communist leaders were reported killed in the process, along with 172 of their followers.

But exactly a year later, the Communists took on government troops again in five days of fierce clashes in northeastern Burma near the Chinese and Laotian borders.

The Communists used heavier weapons than they had in the past, including artillery, and the government side felt compelled to call in Air Force support to win the fight. The guerrillas are estimated to have numbered 1,500.

A week after the fighting, the government-controlled Working People's Daily apparently for the first time, alleged that the sources of the Communists' new weapons were the three Indochina countries "where the old regimes have collapsed."

Then last January rival Communist guerrilla groups staged independent attacks on the town of Kengtung in northeastern Burma near the Laotian and Chinese borders.

Kengtung is a junction for roads leading toward China, Laos, and Thailand and long has been the centre of opium-smuggling activity.

One of the attacking forces is assumed to have been the so-called White Flag Communists, a group known to have been getting Chinese support for years and now, perhaps, arms and ammunition from the new Indochina regimes as well.

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## U.K. pins hopes of cod war solution on NATO pressure, EEC decision

LONDON, May 17 (AFP) — Britain is hoping that the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) ministerial meeting in Oslo this week will provide the possibility of honourably settling the "cod war" with Iceland, which London can no longer win, according to observers here.

Britain's new Foreign Secretary Anthony Crosland is hoping to discuss the problem with Icelandic Foreign Minister Einar Agustsson, if he is agreeable, as well as other ministers including United States Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who is already trying to end the conflict in the higher interests of NATO.

The British government of Prime Minister James Callaghan is coming under increasingly heavy fire from almost the entire British press as well as the parliamentary opposition.

The government is criticised for its "blunders and blustering," during the third series of talks which started in Reykjavik last November.

The Financial Times wrote: "The government is covering itself with ridicule." The opinion of this daily, which represents business interests, was also shared by the conservative Daily Express.

Both pointed out that London's obstinacy could well lead NATO to losing the vital Icelandic base of Keflavik, and that in any case Britain itself was likely to adopt the 200-mile territorial limits which Iceland is blamed for doing.

The government, extremely embarrassed by the current situation, lives in daily fear that there will be an incident causing a loss of life. The aggressiveness of Icelandic gunboats, whose captains often act on their own initiative well aware they will be backed by their government, is worrying Whitehall.

Mr. Callaghan, against his better judgement, has been forced to send reinforcements to the disputed waters — six frigates and four civil vessels protecting 25 British trawlers.

The "cod war" is also becoming expensive. The British government

announced recently that it had spent 1,600,000 pounds since November in hiring civilian vessels to guard British trawlers. A further one million pounds has been spent repairing nine frigates damaged since the conflict started.

The morale of the British trawlerman is at its lowest level, and trawler owners are leading a noisy campaign to retain naval protection for their boats. The government has little other choice than to take heed of this demand.

Mr. Crosland has been known for his hawk-like attitude in the dispute, which has won him the nickname "cod warrior."

His first step in becoming Foreign Secretary was to obtain from Mr. Kissinger a promise that the U.S. would not provide Iceland with the super-gunboats that it had asked for.

The Icelandic coalition government, divided and with an uncertain future, is as stubborn as the British government. It has rejected every British offer to reach a compromise.

Iceland has said that it will only negotiate when British naval ships have left the disputed area.

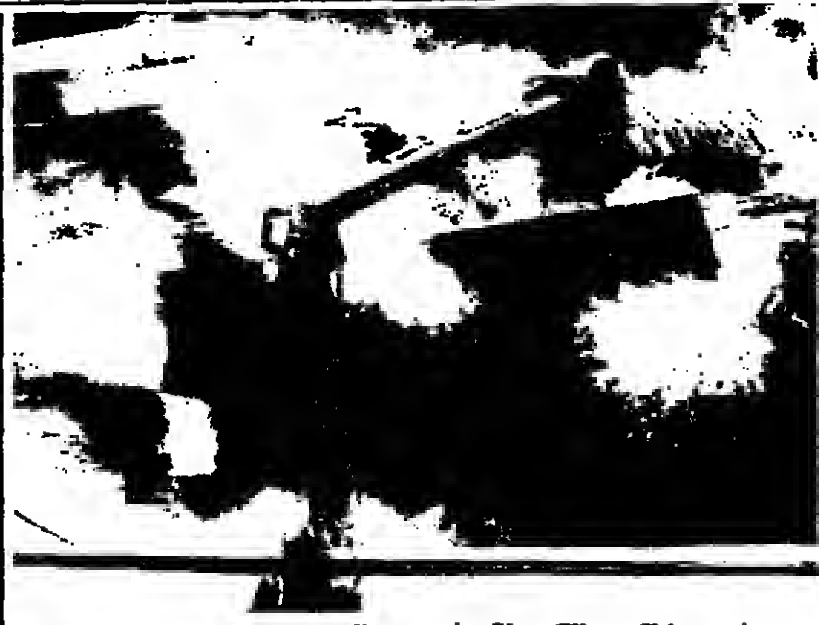
There is growing demand here for Britain to do just that and start peace talks. But Mr. Callaghan, had of a minority government, is hesitating to take this step.

The Foreign Office is therefore putting its prospects in a new hope — an eventual statement by the nine European Common Market partners affirming their decision to accept a 200-mile territorial limit even though it has not been officially adopted by the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference.

In any case, the United States will implement this new limit from March 1977 onwards.

A joint Common Market statement would give Britain the opportunity of accepting the Icelandic claim, withdraw its naval vessels, and work out an agreement.

But there is no hard sign that Britain's EEC partners will come to its rescue in this way.



**FIREMEN AT WORK** — A fireman in Glyn Ellyn, Chicago is seen spraying water to dissipate fumes from a train which was derailed Sunday, forcing 900 people to evacuate their homes. (AP wirephoto).

## Good quality oil reported at Ashod

TEL AVIV, May 16, (AFP) — First tests of oil samples discovered at Ashod, 37 kilometers south of here, have revealed the find to be of high quality, it was learned here today.

Raphael Goldis, Commercial Di-

## New York oysters stage comeback

NEW YORK, (AFP) — Divers studying the bottom of New York harbour have found a bed of oysters, the first that have managed to survive there for 100 years.

Marine archaeologist Peter Throckmorton said: "It looks like they're making a comeback, thanks to the anti-pollution programmes of recent years."

He added: "I wouldn't eat them right now, but just the mere fact that they are growing means we might have something good to look forward to in the harbour."

Mr. Throckmorton said he found a good-sized oyster bed in Black Tom Channel, between the statue of Liberty and Jersey City.

He dived Saturday with members of the Army Corps of Engineers to locate items of archaeological interest before a clean-up of the harbour bottom is started. The harbour is littered with wrecks.

rector of the National Oil Company, said the tests showed the oil to be light of good quality, and with only a small percentage of sulphur.

To determine the potential of the find, and how to exploit it, will require further tests at the site, he said.

Meanwhile, the government consultant for energy questions, Dr. Zevi Dinstein, announced that the government had set aside a budget of 1,250 million pounds (\$ 166 million) for oil exploration over the next five years.

Present wells which have been drilled to a depth of 4.5 kilometers are to be extended to 6 kilometers.

## U.K., Saudi help for Edward Bates

LONDON, May 17 (AFP) — The Bank of England and the First Arabian Corporation of Saudi Arabia today announced help for the merchant bank Edward Bates, which is 25 per cent Arab owned.

The Bank of England said: "Discussions are continuing with a number of Arab interests on the future course of this bank. Meanwhile, a stand-by facility to cover its deposits has been made available by the Bank of England and the First Arabian Corporation."

The sum made available was not stated, but the Edward Bates deposits come to about 70 million pounds.

The nature of Edward Bates' difficulties remained undisclosed, but City of London sources believed they were connected with large loans in the property and shipping sectors.

Quotations in Edward Bates shares were suspended last Thursday.

## ECONOSCOPE

By Jawad Ahmad

## Building upon Beirut's debris?

In my last two columns, I defended Amman's becoming a regional financial centre, and pointed out the short-run frustrations that might ensue in the process. Here I shall evaluate the impact of Beirut's demise on the growth of Amman's foreign business.

This topic was actually the main worry of recent special reports on Jordan published in the Financial Times and the Christian Science Monitor. Reading some of these reviews leaves the distinct impression that Amman would have a bright chance of becoming a regional commercial and financial centre had it not been for Beirut's infamous misfortune. Others add that no matter what, Amman cannot become what Beirut had been up to 1975.

I do not want to contend with these ideas, but I shall present my personal views on the subject. Beirut enjoyed certain natural endowments and an appropriate social mix which made it a haven for foreign offices. Comparatively speaking, Amman is less fortunate, and this might pose some constraints on its prospects of becoming a star city among foreign businessmen in the Middle East.

However, one could ask a hypothetical counterfactual question: "would Beirut have become the regional centre that it was had it not been for the Arab-Israeli war of 1948?"

Moreover, the set of circumstances which gave Beirut its thrust into the world of central regionalism is different from those facing

Amman now. Since 1973, the volume of commercial and banking business in the Mideast area has been growing so fast and so big that Beirut alone would not have been able to accommodate all of it.

There are at least six Mideast capitals that are trying to become regional economic centres: Bahrain, Kuwait, Abu Dhabi, Amman, Cairo and Tunis. This list excludes other cities by non-Arab capitals like Teheran and Athens. Is it possible that all of these are building their schemes upon the debris of Beirut?

One cannot predict when peace and order will be reinstalled in Beirut, but Beirut can surely regain its previous position should Lebanon want it that way. Foreign service firms that left Beirut can easily go back there when the turmoil simmers down.

Economic planners are aware of this fact and they are also conscious of the competition they face with other Arab capitals. Bahrain in particular. But Amman had been growing very fast, financially and commercially before Beirut's events, and there is no reason why it would not continue to do so in the near future.

Undeniably, Amman has unintentional benefited from the events in Lebanon. But attribute all of Amman's rise to an eminent regional centre to this factor alone would be a sweeping and unfair generalisation, to say the least.

## Third World commodities fund gets financial support of OPEC states

NAIROBI, May 17, (AFP) — Manuel Perez Guerrero, Venezuelan Minister for External Economic Relations, today said oil producing countries were prepared to contribute to a common fund to finance commodity stocking arrangements.

This is a key issue between industrial and developing countries now seeking to come to terms on a better deal for developing nations at the fourth U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Nairobi.

The Venezuelan minister, who returned here yesterday after attending a meeting of finance ministers of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in Paris a week ago, told Agence France Presse:

"I was able to ascertain in Paris that our friends in OPEC give their full support to the common fund. They will contribute to it as much as it will be possible for them."

"But everything will have to be settled here," the Venezuelan minister added in a clear reference to the strong opposition to the proposal for the setting up of a common fund has encountered from West-

ern countries, in particular the United States, West Germany and Japan.

Asked whether the Indian decision to make a contribution of \$ 25 million to the fund—announced in New Delhi last night—would have an impact on the talks here, the minister said: "Everything will have an influence here."

Asian sources disclosed today that Yugoslavia, Malaysia and a number of smaller countries might also announce contributions to the fund before the end of the conference here.

The idea, the sources indicated, was to get the fund started even if industrial consumer countries failed to back it.

The only industrial countries which have so far said they are willing to contribute to the fund are the Netherlands—which is at loggerheads with some of its partners in the European Economic Community over the matter—and Norway.

Market economy countries dislike the political overtones of the common fund project.

The fund idea has been conceived by Third World countries to stabilise their export earnings.

According to plans before UNCTAD conference, the Third World countries, through the weight of their numerical majority, would have the final word running the proposed fund.

Asian sources said that if the move preceded by a Philippine commitment to put up \$ 50 million—was followed up by other countries, the question would be whether the fund would be established, but would take part in it.

These sources said they saw "bigger chance" of agreement the fund.

After last week's OPEC ministerial meeting in Paris, sources here said OPEC might contribute some \$ 250 to \$ 300 million to the proposed fund.

Informed sources said consultations have been held here between OPEC delegations after Paris meeting.

This morning's remarks by Perez Guerrero constituted first official confirmation OPEC intends to contribute to the common fund, apparently in order to put pressure on the West industrial nations as negotiators enter a crucial phase.

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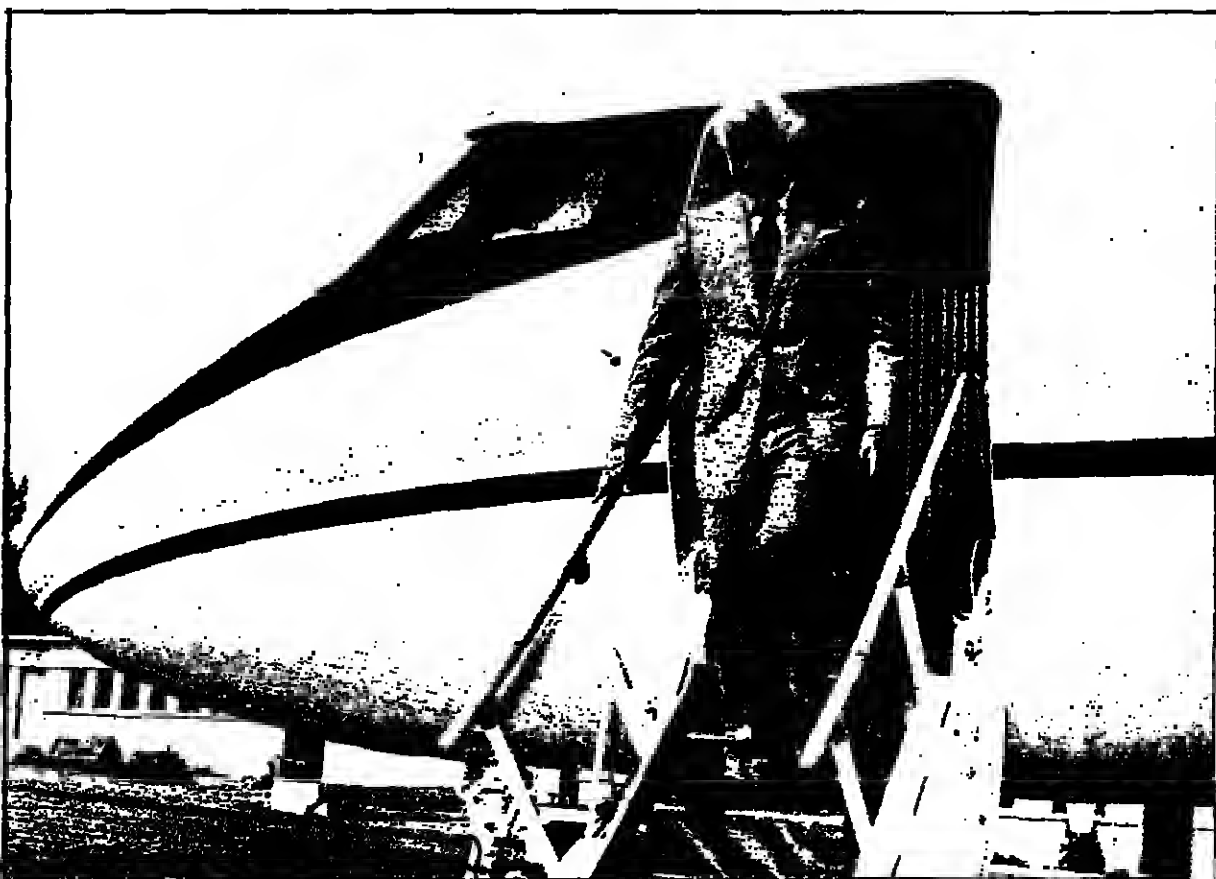
## Festive reception for Mr. Kendall in Amman

Mr. Donald M. Kendall, Chairman and chief executive officer of PepsiCo Inc., and Mrs. Kendall arrived in Amman Monday afternoon on their private plane.

Mr. Kendall is accompanied by Mr. Peter Warran, President of Pepsi Cola International and Mr. Qadri Muhammad, Vice President of Pepsi Cola International for the Middle East.

At hand to receive Mr. Kendall and his party at the airport were the owners and directors of the Ice, Soda and Soft Drinks Company of Jordan and managers of Pepsi Cola in the Middle East.

Mr. Ibrahim Al Zein, Board Chairman of the Ice, Soda and Soft Drinks Company in Jordan and Mrs. Al Zein Monday evening held



a grand reception in honour of Mr. Kendall and his party at the Hussein Sports City in Amman. The reception was attended by a large number of officials and businessmen in the Kingdom.

## ECONOMIC BRIEFS

● SINGAPORE, (AFP) — A nine-member trade mission from Abu Dhabi and the United Arab Emirates arrived here today for a three-day visit. The mission, led by Mr. Ahmad Moussoud, President of the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce, will have discussions with government officials in-

cluding the director of trade and members of the timber industry board, besides meeting representatives of the Singapore Manufacturers Association.

Mr. Moussoud told reporters on arrival the mission was interested in all kinds of building materials, would be examining the possibility of buying Singapore-made products.

● NIJAMENA, (AFP) — Iraq and the Central African Republic will strengthen their cooperation as a result of a two-day visit to the African state by Iraqi Vice-President Taha Mohamed Maaroof Central African Radio and television reported Sunday. A joint communique broadcast from Bangui at the end of the Iraqi Vice-President's visit said he and Central African President-for-life Marshal Jean Bedel Bokassa had agreed on the main world issues of the day, and in order to develop further the friendly relations between the two countries, agreed to set up a joint commission to supervise cooperation in the fields of agriculture, river and air transportation, trade, education and public health.

## Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates at the close of the business day yesterday. The two figures denote buying and selling prices in Jordanian fils.

U.S. dollar :	330.0	332.0
U.K. sterling :	600.2	600.8
French franc :	70.4	70.7
Swiss franc :	132.4	132.8
German mark :	129.1	129.5
Iraqi dinar :	935.0	943.0
Saudi riyal :	93.4	93.7
Syrian pound :	81.3	81.9
Egyptian pound :	450.0	465.0
Lebanese pound :	121.6	122.6
U.A.E. dirham :	83.5	83.9

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## Palestinian representation key problem Euro-Arab dialogue meet opens today

LUXEMBOURG, May 17 (R) — European Common Market and Arab League officials open three days of talks on key political and economic issues here tomorrow in a new phase of the so-called Euro-Arab dialogue.

The session is the first of the "general committee" of the dialogue. This should have been held nearly two years ago, but was held up because of a dispute over Palestinian representation.

The Community refused to accept individual Arab delegations, including one from the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), as this could have implied indirect recognition.

The EEC & the Arab League agreed last year each should be represented by a single delegation. This would allow Palestinians to sit on the Arab team as long as they were not individually identified.

The Palestine issue is likely to come up again this week with the Arab side pressing the EEC to clarify its position further, community officials said.

### Concorde landing ushers visit

[Continued from page 1] Tomorrow Mr. Giscard d'Estaing will have a second round of talks with the American president.

Observers believe that Africa and the Middle East — overshadowed by the Lebanese crisis — will figure importantly as issues in talks between the presidents, and between the French foreign minister and U.S. Secretary of State.

But American leaders are expected to want to discuss particularly the European situation in the light of a possible Communist government in Italy and its repercussions in France and the Mediterranean.

### Teenager dies from Israeli gunfire

[Continued on page 6] quieter but still tense in late afternoon.

The Arab-language newspaper, Al Quds, in an editorial, called on Syria not to agree to extend the mandate of United Nations forces on the Golan Heights on May 31 unless Israel agrees to abandon its settlements on the West Bank. The settlements are a major cause of the present conflict.

According to Israeli authorities, Lina Nabulsi was shot accidentally by a soldier chasing stone-throwing youths yesterday.

But residents of the house where she had taken refuge said she was shot by a burst of fire from the soldier. Before her burial reporters saw the body with two bullet wounds in the head.

The Israeli Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Mordechai Gur, is personally heading an investigation into the incident.

—The military governor of Nab-

But in preparations for the meeting, the Community has decided to go no further than its announced stand at the United Nations where it supported a national identity for the Palestinians.

French efforts to persuade the EEC to accept the notion of territorial rights for the Palestinian people have so far been rejected by its partners.

The EEC's position is that the Euro-Arab dialogue, begun in the aftermath of the 1973 Arab-Israeli war and the subsequent Arab oil embargo against the West, cannot discuss the politics of a Middle East peace settlement. It must not be allowed to cut across peace efforts undertaken by U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and other mediators.

The general committee will also discuss difficulties encountered by the Common Market in meeting some of the Arabs' economic demands.

### Juan Carlos starts risky tour

MADRID, May 17 (AFP) — King Juan Carlos tomorrow undertakes what sources close to him call a bold and calculated risk in visiting the strongly republican northwestern province of Asturias.

With only five months left before the vote on reforms goes to the Spanish parliament, the King hopes to prove to both Francoist die-hards and to leftists that he represents the only hope for a peaceful evolution in the post-Franco era.

Asturias, a province of one and a half million coal miners, farmers and fishermen, was the scene of some of the bitterest battles in the 1936-39 civil war and remained a bastion of republicanism throughout General Franco's 36-year rule.

In contrast with the King's successful visits to Barcelona, in January, and Seville, last month, his two-day tour of Asturias is what a source in the royal palace called "an audacious test of strength."

In another development the Spanish authorities today banned the Civil War Veterans Association from holding an open-air mass in central Madrid on Thursday in memory of the late General Franco.

Informed sources said the 600,000-strong association rejected an offer from the Interior Ministry to hold the mass in the Valley of the Fallen, the memorial to the civil war dead 60 kilometres from Madrid where Gen. Franco is buried.

The organisers said 160,000 people had already pledged to turn up in Madrid on Thursday, six months to the day after Gen. Franco died, and they are expected to use the occasion to renew protests against reforms that have followed his death.

Among the slogans issued by the organisers were "We lived better under Franco" and "Franco's peace does not change and is not broken."

The Community is reluctant to extend preferential trade agreements to Arab states outside the immediate Mediterranean basin since this would go against its declared international trading policy.

It will turn down Arab requests for guarantees for their investments, such as pegging their income to the rate of inflation in industrialized countries.

Agreement is expected on the transfer of technology to Arab states on special easy terms and free circulation of Arab workers within the Community.

EEC officials said the negotiations this week will be tough and will probably make little significant progress.

But both sides are probably keen to keep the dialogue going — the Community as a potential safeguard against another oil embargo and the Arabs for the political advantages of the special link it gives them with the EEC.

Kicking off his campaign with a speech before several thousand people here, Mr. Berlinguer outlined the Communist Party's platform for the crucial June 20 general elections, calling for an "emergency government responding to an emergency situation."

The communists, he asserted, "have clean hands" at a time when Italy needs new moral leadership.

Rejecting attacks by the Vatican daily L'Osservatore Romano, Mr. Berlinguer said the presence of a number of independent personalities on the Communist Party ticket in various constituencies constituted a guarantee of credibility.

The Communist Party, earlier and better prepared for the election campaign than its rivals, surprised political observers last night with the announcement that independents such as Altiero Spinielli, the Vice-President of the European Economic Community, and General Nino Pasti, former NATO

for talks with Kremlin leaders. Mozambique, which became independent from Portugal last year, has increased contacts with the Soviet Union since the civil war in Angola. Both countries supported the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), which now forms the government in Luanda.

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ON MEDIATION VISIT — Libyan Prime Minister Abdul Salam Jalloud (left) and Palestine Liberation Organisation Chairman Yasser Arafat leave Aramoun village Lebanon, after meeting with the Lebanese Republic's Mufti Hassan Khaled. (AP wirephoto).

## Italian C.P. proposes broad national unity government

ROME May 16 (AFP) — Italian Communist leader Enrico Berlinguer today urged voters to back a transitional government of national union in order to "save Italy from catastrophe."

Accusing the ruling Christian Democrats of "proposing nothing but the same solutions which have led the nation to the brink," the Communist leader contended that "no serious government can be formed in Italy without Communist support."

He urged voters to back the "transitional" solution of a broad-based coalition which could "get Italy on her feet again."

This, he said, would mean broadening the "historic compromise" of 1973 which allied the nation's three basic tendencies — the Catholics, the Socialists and the Communists — to include all political parties except "the fascists."

The Christian Democrat Party organ, Il Popolo, denounced the Communist proposals as a change of "formula but not of strategy."

While the Communist Party seemed to have its electoral lists in final form, the Christian Democrats were still meeting in regional committees to settle on candidates — even Fiat Business manager Umberto Agnelli had still not received a final go-ahead.

The socialists and the small lay parties — the Republicans, Liberals and Social Democrats — meanwhile have finished their lists also, as has the neo-fascist Italian Social Movement.

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## Ethiopian leader makes no offer to Eritrean factions

ADDIS ABABA, May 17 (R) — in tone, Brigadier General Ethiopian head of state Teferi Bante Sunday offered wide-ranging pardons and clemency for prisoners in an effort to end the rebellion in Ethiopia's Red Sea province of Eritrea on the basis of regional autonomy.

In a radio and television broadcast, seen as generally conciliatory

General Teferi gave a de account of the conflict in the mer Italian colony which has a lengthy struggle between Ethiopian government and sionist guerrillas.

The government, he said, "realised the difficulties in the ministrative region of Eritrea the urgency of overcoming t

A solution should be based the right of self-determination nationalities, guaranteed th regional autonomy, he said.

The proposal for regional nomy to satisfy local feelin Eritrea was introduced by government in a major polic clarification last month. General Teferi's main new point Sunday's offer of pardons and clemency.

He said the government give assistance to exiles fro conflict so that they can home, and to those who have property, jobs or education.

"People who have been sioned as a result of the problem will be released," he General Teferi made no me of persistent reports that the ntry's military rulers have planning a peasants' march Eritrea.

The reports have been repeatedly denied, but informed so said today that truckloads of ple, some of them armed, an ing their weapons into the ai have been seen on roads leadu wards Eritrea.

In Beirut the Eritrean Libe Front-People's Liberation I (ELF-PLF) declared Monday pardons and clemency wer enough — only complete inde nence would satisfy the ment.

A statement by the ELF rejected the offer by the pian head of state of wide-r pardons and clemency for ners.

Eritrean progressives was a tempt to win over some s and create confusion among reans who had fought for l ars for complete indepen it said.

"The foreign mission of the ple's Liberation Forces a that our people will accept i bstitute for complete indepe ce," the statement said.

### Edouard Saab killed by sniper

BEIRUT, May 16 (R) — Mr. Edouard Saab, Editor-in-Chief of the Lebanese French language daily L'Orient-Le Jour, was shot dead by a sniper today as he was crossing by car from the rightist to the leftist zone of Beirut.

Mr Saab, 46, a well known commentator on Lebanese and Arab affairs who also wrote for the Paris newspaper Le Monde, was shot in the head and died within minutes, his paper's staff said.

Henry Tanner, an American correspondent of the New York Times, was in the same car and was slightly injured.

The incident occurred at a road junction known locally as the green line because it is the only crossing-point between the two halves of the city which is sometimes safe.

### Supply minister heads for FAO meet in Rome

AMMAN. — The Minister of Supply, Salah Jum'a, leaves here Tuesday for Italy to attend the meetings of the FAO programmes committee due to start in Rome on May 19.

The two-week meetings, Mr. Jum'a said, will reconsider the committee's development policy toward developing countries in view of the new changes which have taken place on the international scene.

During the meetings, Mr. Jum'a will hold talks with FAO officials and representatives of participating countries with a view to bolstering supply cooperation between Jordan and these countries, and will study means to increase FAO assistance to Jordan in the supply field.

## LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed mostly easier after a steady opening Monday and at 1500 the F.T. index was down 6.1 at 401.1.

Government stocks were easier following the weakness of sterling, dealers added. Shorts saw selling and falls ranged to 7/16 while longer loans lost around 1/8 after 1/4.

Leading industrials eased by up to 8p in very quiet conditions, affected by sterling.

Oils were higher by up to 10p while banks fell by 3p to 6p in places.

Mining shares showed falls of around 25p seen in gold producers while Australians were mixed to easier.

ICI was 5p easier in its 'ex rights' form while the new shares fell 6p with little interest noted, dealers said. Other shares to lose similar amounts included Fisons, Hawker, and Tubes while smaller falls were recorded by Courtauld, Bowater, Reed, GEC, Glaxo, Plessey, GKN, Metal Box and Unilever.

British Leyland gained 2p after results. Lydenburg, Watervaal, Union and Pots Platins were all suspended from trading pending merger discussions, dealers added.

## WALL STREET REPORT

Prices went into another sinking spell in sluggish trading Monday on the New York Stock Exchange where the industrial average lost about five points. American investors keep worrying about a possible rise in interest rates and renewed inflation in the country. New York City's financial problems are also a source of concern for the financial community.

Losers outpaced gainers by a 886 to 489 margin at the final bell. Most groups of shares closed on a mixed to slightly lower tone. Gold mine and textile issues, however, managed some fractional gains.

At the close the industrial average shows at 987.64, a loss of 4.96 points; transp at 217.77, a loss of 1.77; utilities at 86.88 a loss of 0.10. 14,720,000 shares changed hands of which 3,070,000 during the last hour.

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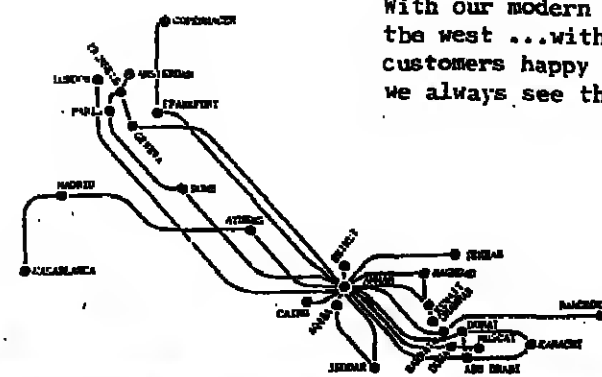
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